

JEAN ELIOT'S WEEKLY CHRONICLE OF CAPITAL SOCIETY

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children with her. She is the daughter of Baron Iwasaki, who has one of the greatest fortunes in Japan, and is a brilliant and cultivated woman.

So far nothing official has come out of Peru about the appointment of a new ambassador, but Frederico Alfonso Peset, sometime minister to the United States, has written to friends here that he is to return to Washington after having been out of the diplomatic service for several years, in the role of ambassador. So it's a practical certainty that Mme. Peset,

who was a decided success as mistress of the Peruvian legation, will have an opportunity to play the more important part of chaperone of an embassy.

Some weeks ago dispatches from London announced that the Brazilian Minister to England, Portino Xavier, had been appointed Brazilian Ambassador to the United States and would sail shortly for his new post. However, no official confirmation of this statement has been made and at the embassy here there is a disposition to doubt its truth. At any rate Senor Xavier has no family, so even if he

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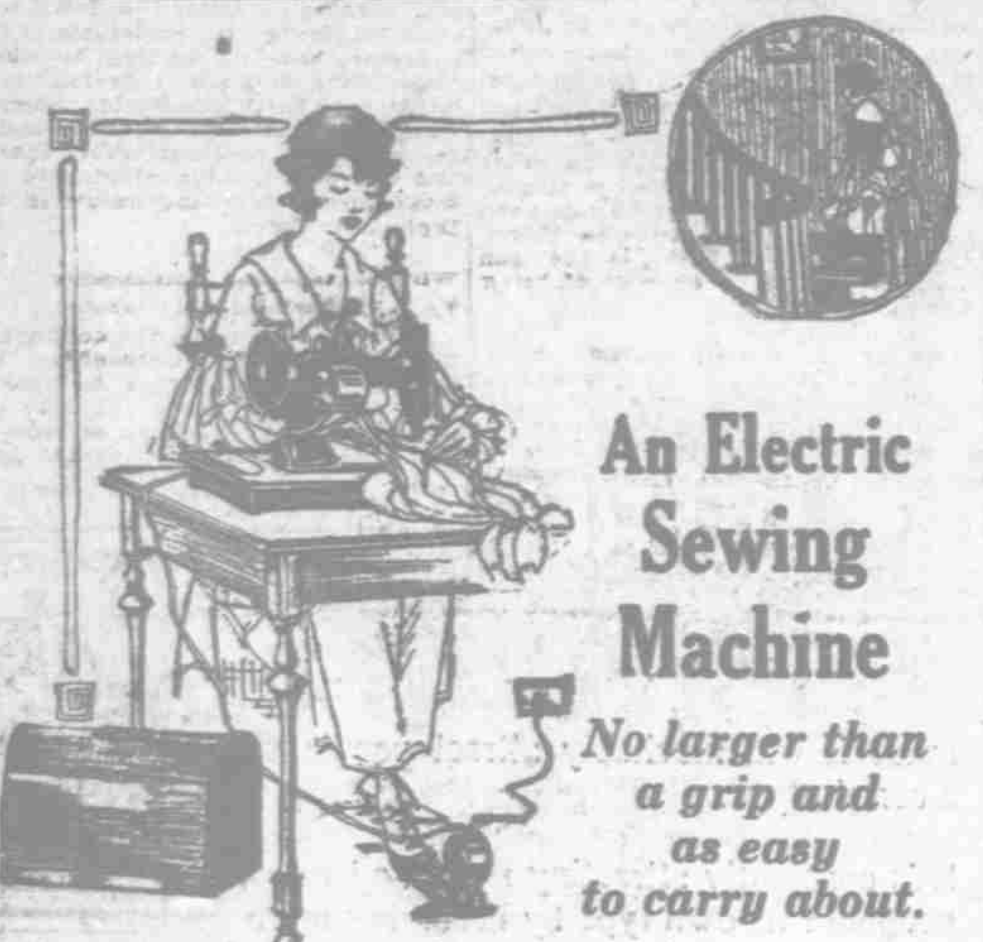
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The Minister of Salvador, Dr. Salvador Sol, who arrived in Washington late in the summer, has a cultivated and charming English wife, as had his predecessor, Dr. Rafael Zaldívar, and Mme. de Sol has already made a distinct place for herself in the scheme of things. The wife of the new minister of Uruguay, Senor Varela, too, is a pretty, full of enthusiasm and joie de vivre and may be regarded as a decided acquisition.

She speaks English fluently, with a fetching bit of an accent. There are three charming Varela children. Mme. Grouitch, wife of the minister of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes, is also rather a newcomer to the diplomatic corps, although she has become so closely identified with activities social and diplomatic in her few months of residence here that people are wont to forget this. Blessed with a wide acquaintance among worth while Americans in general and Washingtonians in particular, she and her distinguished husband have certainly put Serbia on the map sojourn, while the existence of the legations of the other Balkan states, although some of them are older than the Serbian, is almost forgotten.

Armas Herman Saastamoinen has the distinction of being Finland's first representative in this country, and he and Mme. Saastamoinen are members of the little diplomatic colony established at Wardman Park Hotel. Then there is Mme. Tamandou, wife of the minister resident and charge d'affaires of Greece, Michael Tamandou. Although her husband has been here since January, 1919, she is a newcomer to Washington, having just returned to America after a stay of nearly a year at her home in Athens. Her husband was formerly Greek consul general at San Francisco, and she is affectionately remembered there for her service as a Red Cross worker during the influenza epidemic. She is a talented and cultivated musician.

Many New Diplomatic Attaches Bring Families to Washington.

The only newcomer to the French embassy staff this autumn is the air attaché, Capt. Guy de Lavergne, and he has brought with him to this country his first wife, but, there, I told you about her last week. Commandeur Bartolucci, recently appointed assistant naval attaché of the Italian embassy, is a bachelor, but he has his sister, Miss Clementina. Bartolucci with him, and she is chaperone of his household. They have recently moved into a charming house in M Street, which Mrs. Carroll Mercer furnished and subtlet. Miss Bartolucci is young, chic and amazingly good to look upon, and I'm told her brother is a charmer.

The Russian embassy has a new counselor, M. Iswolsky, and he is accompanied by Mme. Iswolsky and three children. Then Capt. Geoffrey Blake, who has succeeded Capt. Arthur Snagge as naval attaché of the British embassy has brought his wife, a very delightful woman, with him, and Col. A. F. A. N. Thorne, assistant military attaché, is also married. Mrs. Thorne and her five children will arrive shortly from England to join the colonel and they will make their home at Graystone. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Armat's place on the edge of Rock Creek Park.

I don't know whether the new Minister of Czechoslovakia, Dr. Stepanek, has a family, but the first minister of Poland to this country, Prince Casimir Loubomirski, has a very delightful wife and I believe she and their four children are to sail for the United States on October 20. Like her husband, she's a member of the old Polish nobility, but they are simple folk with democratic tastes and they drop their title whenever possible. It's a matter of complicated legal procedure to discard a title officially, so the minister's passports are made out to "Prince Loubomirski," and he'll probably be so named in the diplomatic list when he arrives here, but his calling card bears the simple inscription, "Casimir Loubomirski."

Mme. Domingo de Gana, whose husband was formerly Chilean charge d'affaires at Paris, and her daughters Elena de Gana and Sofia de Gana, may

also be regarded as recent additions to the diplomatic corps, since they are to spend the winter at the Chilean embassy. Mme. de Gana and Mme. de Mathieu, wife of the Chilean ambassador, are sisters. The two girls are to be presented to society here and will be perhaps the only debutantes of the diplomatic set.

Little Going On Except Weddings.

"Scusin' the wedding, there's been little enough going on, but in a few instances official society has done a bit of entertaining, "quite unofficially, you know." For instance, there was Mrs. Lansing's at home and the dinner which Secretary and Mrs. Lansing gave for Lord Grey, the British ambassador. When the Secretary of State gives a dinner to the newly arrived head of one of the most important of the diplomatic missions, one might almost feel justified in jumping to the conclusion that it's an official function. But no, this was an entirely informal party, since Lord Grey hasn't yet presented his credentials to the President, and it was one of those stag dinners, with the hostess "sitting in" to which Mrs. Wilson has given vogue. On Thursday the Lansings went up to Albany, where the Secretary received a degree from the University of New York—he must have almost as fine a collection of L.L.D.'s as President Wilson.

On Tuesday night also Secretary and Mrs. Lane entertained quite a big dinner party, "but quite unofficial," of the delegates to the President's Industrial Conference, over which, expectedly, Secretary Lane is presiding. It was a most interesting dinner party, especially as a demonstration of the lion and the lamb lying

down together. Only one doesn't quite know at present, as between labor and capital, which is lion and which is lamb. One is tempted to accept the punning explanation, cynical though it may be, that they are "both lyin' and the public's the lamb."

The dinner, which was given in the big restaurant atop the Interior Department roof, was a highly successful function and afterward the guests adjourned for an hour or so of really pleasant getting-together in Secretary Lane's spacious private office, where they enjoyed the crackling fire and a mighty interesting interchange of ideas. About the only conspicuous absentee was Samuel Gompers and he excused himself because it was the anniversary of the death of a dearly loved daughter and also because his wife even then was seriously ill. He might well, as was discovered next day, have pleaded personal illness as well. For he was quite worn out and unable to attend Wednesday's sessions.

Secretary and Mrs. Lane, by the way, are enjoying a little visit from their son, Franklin K. Lane, Jr., who arrived on Wednesday, escorting his pretty sister who had been visiting him in California. Intending to surprise his father and mother he wrote that he was sending Nancy home in the care of a friend of his "named Knight," to whom his family were to be particularly nice. However, Mr. and Mrs. Lane cleverly penetrated the disguise—their son's middle name is "registered" if their boy had not come. Miss Lane has vetoed her mother's plan for giving her a coming out tea early in the season, preferring to have her debut party just a little while before the ball which Mrs. Ira C. Copley is planning for her and her chum, Frances Hampson, on December 23—but after all their plans are

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Woman's Conference. To Be Significant. From what Dye has been able to learn of their plans the women's conference

ence, which will convene in the New National Museum on October 22 on the call of the National Women's Trade Union League of America, will be significant from many angles. And one particularly interesting feature is the pageant, "The Shining Trail," which is to be produced by the National Young Women's Christian Association as a welcome from the

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